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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action that was mailed on November 22, 2005 for the subject application. A response to the Office Action is due February 22, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the claims of the application as follows. Upon entry of these amendments, the claims pending for further examination will be those of the following listing.